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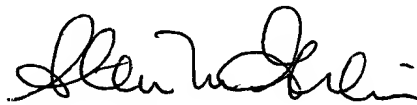
**REMARKS**

By the foregoing amendments, the multiple dependency of claim 18 is deleted so as to avoid the multiple claim dependency fee, and new claims 19-21 are added in lieu thereof.

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional fees due (except the Issue Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

18. (*Amended*) A pneumatic tire characterized by using a rubber composition as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 14 [to 17].

**New Claims 19-21 are added.**